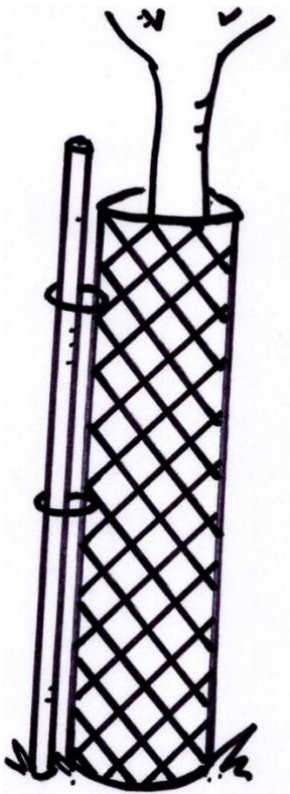




## SHELTERING GUIDELINES

Tree shelters help to protect your tree from deer rubbing their antlers on the stem of the tree and stripping its bark. Please follow these guidelines to install your tree shelter. These shelters cannot be used for shrubs or coniferous trees, only single stem deciduous trees.



### Installation:

1. Using a mallet or hammer insert stake into the ground about four inches from the base of the tree. Make sure that the stake is deep enough that it cannot be easily uprooted.
2. Wrap the plastic mesh tree guard around the tree trunk so that the opening is facing the stake.
3. Using two or three zip ties, secure the tree guard to the stake, making sure to bind the opening of the tree guard at the same time.

### Maintenance:

- Shelters should remain on your tree for at least four years, unless the shelter begins to inhibit the growth of the tree.
- Shelters may periodically need maintenance or re-installation. If a branch grows through the side of the shelter, simply cut a larger hole for the branch to grow.

Trees and shrubs not provided with a shelter can be protected by treating them with repellent or fencing with wooden or metal stakes and a flexible material such as chicken wire.